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For

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METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAID SPACER, AND OPTICAL FIBER CABLE USING SAID

SPACER

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Charge the tile to -- SPACER FOR OPTICAL FIBER CABLE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAID SPACER, AND OPTICAL FIBER CABLE USING SAID SPACER--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claims 4 - 7, 13 and 14 as follows: